

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 27

Philippians 4

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:8 (NASB95): 8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything, worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Talking points:

Verse 1-3

-What are the two common denominators Paul uses to create commonality in the church?

-What is Paul's request in the first three verses? Why is that so important? Is it still important in this day and age?

-What are some ways we can guard against it?

- What is the proper way to deal with it once it occurs?

Verse 4-7

-Paul states rejoice in the Lord always twice. What is the significance of saying it twice?

-Does Paul's situation at the time of writing to the Philippians give the statement more credibility?

-Is rejoicing a product of our environment or is it a choice?

- In verse 5 Paul talks about a condition that should be in all believers. He said we need to let everyone see it because the Lord is coming soon. Is this a fruit in every believer's life? If not, why? How do we straighten a crooked way?

-In Verse 6 Paul gives a golden nugget in how you become the victor over anxiety and fear. Is it easier said than done? How can we make it our go to in times of trouble?

-Read James 4:17 after Philippians 4:6 and see if you have an option not to apply these verses to your life? What does Jesus teach in John 8:31-32?

-What is the promise in verse 7 if you apply verse 6?

-Is the peace Paul is speaking of cultivated or received?

Verse 8-9

-Verse 8 is one of the greatest verses in the Bible for combating wrong thinking in the body. How can we apply this to our own stinking thinking?

-Paul promises the peace of God but he doesn't just say do it he says practice it. What is the difference?

Verse 10-13

-What is Paul's secret in being content in all things?

-Is being content in every situation learning new ways or abandoning old thought patterns?

-What thoughts or wrong belief systems hinder you from operating in Peace in every circumstance?

-After reading 10-13 how do we attain the strength?

Verse 14-23

-In verse 18 Paul talks about a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God. What was it?

-What is the promise in verse 19. Does God's promises trump our experience?

-What parts of this chapter hit home with you? How are you going to apply it to your life?